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NEW Monthly Meeting Live Stream

Tune in here at 7.00pm on Wed 6 April to view the Monthly Meeting live over the Internet.

Test Transmission usually commences at around 6.15pm

http://tv.melbpc.org.au

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Editorial



Gary Taig

Older People Wanted for Study

How well do you think you know your own memory? Are you at risk of future progression to a dementia?

Would you like to help some people develop special tools that can more reliably identify healthy older adults who are at greater risk of future progression to a dementia? It sounds most interesting.

On the next page you will see an advertisement announcing a study being undertaken at Melbourne Uni. Have a look — you might be able to participate. You get paid, too.

Virtual Technology Conference

Did anyone join in the Virtual Technology Conference run by APCUG on Sunday 21 February (our time)? If you did, please write and tell us all about it.

Games SIG Didn't Proceed in March

Unfortunately we experienced a major interruption to our Internet feed and the 16 prospective new members who had arranged to attend Moorabbin HQ on 19 March were forced to meet elsewhere. Whilst the Internet feed has been restored I am hopeful that the same group of young people will arrange to meet at Moorabbin again in May, and beyond.

The interruption to the Internet also caused a few member services to fail for a short time, some of them a few days and I believe we still can't download videos of the monthly meetings from the website. Members who wish to obtain the videos can do so by logging into our Office365 facility at yammer.com/melbpc.org.au where you will need your username (your melbpc.org. au email address) and a password provided initially by the office (see page 1 for contact info).

Once you have that username and password you can also access all the members areas on the website — newsletter download, committee papers (minutes & financials etc) and everything else that is behind the members only login.

Trevor Hudson Tutorials

On page 11, under the East SIG details you will see a brief description and hyperlinks to a few of Trevor Hudson's Tutorials. I recommend them, especially the one on how to download the Classic Shell. You can turn your Windows 8 desktop into a windows 7 setup. Also covered is *How to Make and Use a Transparent Picture, How to format an external SATA Hard disk drive* and *How to Upload your own Video to YouTube*. They are well presented and Trevor has chosen a good range of topics for us..



MELBOURNE School of Psychological Sciences, University of Melbourne.

Research Participation Advertisement

Project Title:

Quantifying the accuracy of a subjective cognitive concern

Investigators:

Dr. Rachel Buckley, Ms. Gemma Laming, Ms. Kathleen Charles-Walsh, Ms. Amanda Shanks, Ms. Evelyn Chen, Ms. Pei Hsing Seow, Prof. David Ames, A/Prof. Robert Hester *School of Psychological Sciences, University of Melbourne.*

Project Description:

We seek healthy adults aged 65-90 years of age.

Researchers in the School of Psychological Sciences at the University of Melbourne are seeking healthy adults aged 65-90 years of age for a study that investigates the accuracy of subjective memory concerns. They are investigating the relationship between self-appraisal of memory changes and how well individuals know their own thinking abilities. For this study, we seek older adults that are aged between 65 to 90 years, who do not have a current or past history of psychiatric or neurological disorders. The aim of this research is to develop tools that can more reliably identify healthy older adults who are at greater risk of future progression to a dementia.

This study involves: answering some online surveys about your mood and how you feel about your memory, completing cognitive/memory tasks (some of which will be conducted on a computer), and the collection of 5ml of saliva for genetic testing.

The study will take approximately 2.5-3 hours (with plenty of breaks) and will offer reimbursement of \$20 per hour. Sessions will be held in the Redmond Barry Building at the University of Melbourne in Parkville during business hours.

The study has University of Melbourne Human Ethics Approval (HREC 1544153.4).

For further information, or to volunteer to take part in the study, contact:

Gemma Laming

School of Psychological Sciences, University of Melbourne.

Phone: 8344 1757

E-mail: glamingmelb@gmail.com

Monthly Meeting Wednesday 6 April

At 7.00pm sharp **George Skarbek** will host our regular Q&A Session.

Then we will have a **President**'s address, followed by a brief (20 min) Interval and the April Raffle Draw.

Our main presentation will feature **Tyson Then**, whose introduction to Virtualisation in February received accolades and demands for more.

This month Tyson will be presenting "Getting Virtual on your desktop".

He will present a quick and easy introduction on how to download and install software to get started creating VMs (Virtual machines), as well as looking at methods of converting Physical Machines to Virtual.

Meeting will conclude at 9.30pm.

If you can't make it to Moorabbin, be sure to tune in to http://tv.melbpc.org.au for a live broadcast of the meeting. Test transmission usually begins at around 6.15pm

After the meeting, we get together for WAFFLE@FONG. The WAFFLE SIG ("Wine And Fine Food Lovers' Event") will be at FONG's Chinese Restaurant, 725 Centre Rd Bentleigh East, Corner of Francesco Street, Melway: 77: J-1

March Raffle Prize Winners The raffle was drawn during Interval at the Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 2 March 2016. Winners as follows: 1st Prize: PendoPad 7: Allan Mawdsley #16171 Eduard Van Kalken #2284 2nd Prize: Logitech Speakers: 3rd Prize: USB Flash Drive: Joseph Smith #35697 Mary Dowling #46431 4th Prize: JBurrows Wireless Mouse: **5th Prize: Retractable Headphones** David King #5677 6th Prize: Toblerone Bill Moss #10367 **Congratulations winners!**



APRIL RAFFLE 2016

Tickets: 1 - \$2 or 3 - \$5

Pre purchase tickets available from office, contact us on 9276 4000 or email us at office@melbpc.org.au. The draw will be at the Monthly Meeting 6th April, winners will be contacted via telephone and email.

TOSHIBA 1TB Hard Drive

- Plug and Play Operation
- Accommodates large digital files with spacious storage capacity
- Easy to use with no software to install
- Protects your drive (Internal shock sensor and ramp loading technology)
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NETGEAR N300 Wifi USB Adapter



- Easy Setup with NETGEAR genie.
- Reliable and Compatible.
- Convenient cradle for use with desktop PCs.
- Faster downloads and online gaming.
- Works with any standard Wi-Fi Router or Modem Router.
- Push 'N' Connect—Push button security.

QUDO Bluetooth Speaker

- The speaker connects to your smartphone, MP3 player or other device via Bluetooth
- The speaker has a simple black design
- It has a maximum output power of 2 W x 2 (RMS).
- It has an ultra compact design and charges via USB so you don't need batteries





TDK Gold USB 3.0 Flash Drive

- The TDK Flash Drive is perfect for storing, sharing and backing up your important files.
- 32GB of storage

- Compatible with Windows 8, 7,
 Vista, XP; Mac OSX 10.5 &
 Higher
- Password Protection software
- Plug and Play

INSYSTEM Blue Headphones

- Music playing time: Up to 7 hours.
- Charging time: About 2.5 Hours
- Operating distance: 10 Metres (Class II)
- Use for calls from your smartphone
- Listen to your music through your Bluetooth enabled MP3, Tablet or PC.





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OFFICE 365 PRO PLUS **Year Subscription**















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Outlook

Microsoft Office 365 ProPlus for MelbPC Members

Subscriptions for Microsoft's desktop program suite Office 365 Proplus are now available to Melbpc members at a reduced rate.

The programs included are; Word, Excel, OneNote, PowerPoint, Outlook, Publisher and Access. Members who take up this offer will be able to install the suite on up to fifteen different devices: 5 computers (PC or Mac), 5 tablets (iOS/ Android/Windows) and 5 smartphones (iOS, Android, Windows). The new 2016 versions are available now.

Microsoft Office ProPlus is available to members for an annual subscription, set for the first year and payable by members in advance. (*) Renewal for each year will reflect Microsoft's current price at the time of renewal.

After payment members will be able to download the program suite onto their own computers using their Office 365 login details (the same as they already use for email and other cloud services). As long as the subscription is maintained, members will receive updates and upgrades to the latest version of Office.

Our existing Office 365 Enterprise service provides the 'cloud' versions of some Office applications: Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote. These can be used during a login to Office 365 via the web. They do not include all of the features available on the desktop versions. Office 365 ProPlus provides the full versions of those applications, and others not available at in the cloud at all: Outlook, Publisher and Access. (Publisher and Access are not available in the Mac OS X version.) The ProPlus programs can be used when the computer is offline and not connected to the internet, as they are installed directly on the computer (or tablet/ smartphone).







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Random Access

John Swale reports on Questions and Answers from the opening session of the March monthly meeting and from members' written submissions. This session was conducted by **Dave Botherway**.



Questions and **Answers**

Q: This is a question about product keys. I updated from Windows 8 to 8.1 and the product key changed according to Hiren's Boot Disk. Is this normal? Which is the correct one?

A: It is normal for the key to change on the PC. It will be different again with Windows 10. I would tend to go back to the one it was installed with. Initially Microsoft stated that you could not do a standalone install. You had to do the upgrade. With the Windows 10 November update, you can now use the original valid key for Windows 7 or Windows 8 when it was loaded on the machine i.e. the one on the carton. I tend to use Belarc Advisor to get information on the PC. In that case it shows a different key to the original installation one.

Q: I have just fired up Office 365 today and I'm frustrated that email attachments that previously opened in Office2010 now only open in Office 365. Even though I have 365 open when I click on one of those Office files egg a .docx file, it wants me to login to Office 365 and put in my password again. A Word document with a .doc extension does not require this. Can you suggest a solution or recommend a soothing tablet?

A: You can set defaults for all of these documents. Just click the Win key and type in "defaults" and you will see an entry for "default programs". You can now specify the default programs for the specific file

types egg .docx. You could also contact the Help Desk as they have been doing some work on Office 365 as people are starting to use it.

Q: I have upgraded from Windows 7 to Windows 10 which now has a new key. Does this free up the Windows 7 key for use on another machine?

A: No! It is the key used to install Windows 10 and you may need it to do a later clean install. If you try to use it again, it will say it has already been used.

Q: There is a Windows 10 report about using a PC connected by Wi-Fi rather than Ethernet and if you give the password to anyone in your Contacts, it is also available to any of their Contacts. Microsoft explains how to prevent this happening. Has anyone done it?

A: [Edited] This is a Windows 10 feature called Wifi-Sense. The feature is not enabled by default, but if enabled, will allow anyone in your Contacts who is running Windows 10 to connect to your router (during a visit for example) and get access to the Internet. It does not give them access to your home network and it does not give access to any of their Contacts. The feature is off by default and if the idea makes you uncomfortable, leave it turned off. If your router has a Guest access feature

you can also use this to give visitors access to the Internet. The Guest access feature uses a separate SSID and password to the main one and also does not give the visitor access to your home network.

Q: I regularly change all my passwords especially for banking and other key sites. How do I change my modem router password? Also how do I change my melbpc. org.au password for access to the members' area?

A: Open a browser and type in the IP address of the router. It will be most often 192.168.1.1 but check on the label on the back of the router or the router documentation. Press enter and that will take you into the router administration page. You will be presented with a logon screen. If you haven't changed the setting the default will probably be in the manual and sometimes on the router. In the worst case, if you have changed it, once you know what the defaults are, do a factory reset then change the password. You will have to set up your other setting again. [Ed: To change your melbpc.org.au password log in to Office 365 and click the Settings icon (gear wheel). In the search box type password. Click on the "Change your password" box and fill out the form that opens. If you have forgotten your password the Office can reset it for you — JS]

Q: I have been using Acronis for a long time and with 2010 I find it less and less intuitive. I have heard mention of Macrium Reflect. What is the opinion of this alternative? From the description, the free version seems to do everything I need.

A: I have been an Acronis user for about 15 years. The problem with Acronis is you virtually need to get a new copy every year or at least for each new version of Windows. About a year ago I switched to AOEMI. I



was then told about Macrium Reflect and have now changed over to it and I love it. There is a free version and a Pro version but there is little in the Pro version that normal home users would need. I have had to contact them a couple of time with gueries and they have responded very quickly. The program produces a disk image the same as Acronis. It will let you mount the disk image and you can see and extract the individual files. This is a quick way to see if the backup has succeeded. To be sure the backup was successful you can run a Virtual Machine like VM Ware Workstation and mount the image as machine and check that it loads correctly.

Q: Recently with Windows 10 I have started getting duplicate emails. I delete the duplicates but they keep coming back three to five times. What can we do to rectify this? I use Outlook

A: This would seem to be a problem with what Outlook does when it retrieves files. Check Outlook settings as it may be leaving them on the server. Call the Melb PC Help Desk. They could help you over the phone or use TeamViewer to see what is happening on your PC.

A2: [Ed: If using Outlook 2016 you could be running into a known issue. Outlook 2016 with a February 2016 update installed can download duplicate messages when configured to use POP. This is fixed in a March 2016 update. The desktop Outlook client has never had a totally reliable POP protocol. I would recommend that if you are using the desktop

Outlook client to make sure that your MelbPC Outlook account is configured with a Microsoft Exchange account, not POP — MM]

Help

For help on any of these problems or any problem you may be having with your computer you can contact the MelbPC iHelp team

Email: ihelp@melbpc.org.au Phone: (03) 9276-4088

http://www.melbpc.org.au/ihelp/ or log into *Yammer*, the group's social forum where experienced members are only happy to help. http://yammer.com/melbpc.org.au/



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Special Interest Groups

SIG Meetings & Contact Details

Updated: 5 Apri 2016

Amendments: please advise changes/corrections to

office@melbpc.org.au

Access (database) and Excel

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Monday of the month

Incl. June Queen's Birthday

Time 6.30pm - 8.30pm **Email** access@melbpc.org.au Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) **Craig Evans**

Craig Evans@racv.com.au

report by Craig Evans

Environment: Windows 7 with Access 2010, Excel 2010.

During our meeting we discussed:

Access: Removing header rows from a text file which would then be loaded to the database. We created a function which required the parameters of the full file path and the number of header rows. We used the System Object to OpenTextFile for reading. We looped through the rows and ignored the header rows. When we looped into the data rows we stored the rows in a string variable. At the end of the data we closed the data file then re-opened the data file for writing. Opening for writing means the existing data will be over written by the contents of our string variable. We closed the edited file which automatically saved.

The file is now ready for loading to the database. Our meetings are usually Q&A, occasionally we have a demonstration of database or spreadsheet magic. A detailed explanation of the topics abo re is available on our Meetup web page at http://www.r.meetup.com/

Microsoft-Excel-Access-Moorabbin/

Ballarat

Date (Feb-Dec) First Thursday of the month

7.30pm - 9.45pm Time Midlands Golf Club. Location Heinz Lane, Ballarat.

Convener(s) 5339-4235 Alan Pittard

Bayside

Date (Jan-Dec) Third Thursday of the month

Time 10am – 12noon

Email bayside@melbpc.org.au St. Stephens Church Hall, Location Cnr Cochrane Street and

North Road, Brighton.

Convener(s) John Morris 9583-4095 Graham Ackland 9589-6229 **Beginners East (Beast)**

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Sunday of the month **Second Sunday of the month December**

Time 10am - 12.30pm **Email** beast@melbpc.org.au Location **Vermont South Community**

Centre, 1 Karobran Drive, Vermont South.

Convener(s) **Dave Botherway**

daveb@melbpc.org.au

Casey

Date (Feb-Nov) Second Friday of the month

December Second Friday (Xmas Function)

Time 12.30pm - 3pm **Email** jwhit@jwhitaker.com

Location Narre Warren Library (Fountain

> Gate), Overland Drive, Narre Warren 3805.

Jan Whitaker 9705-9009 Convener(s)

Jan Weiner 9796-2807

Casey Workshop

Date (Feb-Nov) Fourth Friday of the month

Time 12.30 - 3pm

Email weijan@westnet.com.au Location Narre Warren Library (Fountain

Gate), Overland Drive,

Narre Warren 3805. Convener(s) Jan Weiner

9796-2807 Jan Whitaker 9705-9009

Communications

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Wed of the month

Time 7pm - 9.30pm Email phil@melbpc.org.au Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin. Phil Lew 0418-567-019 Convener(s)

Digital Images

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Friday of the month

Time 10am - 12noon

Email bockey@melbpc.org.au

Location Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade,

Mount Waverley.

Convener(s) Ian Bock 9807-3701

East

Convener(s)

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Thursday of the month

Time 7.30pm – 9:30pm Email east@melbpc.org.au

Location Eley Park Community Centre,

87 Eley Rd, Blackburn Sth. Paul Woolard 9877-1059

lan Dewhurst 0438-480-500

Computer Tutorials by **Trevor Hudson**

How to Download and Install Classic Shell

This 720p hi-def video tutorial will show you, How to Download and Install Classic Shell, a great little free program which makes Windows 8 computers look and feel like Windows 7, or previous versions of Windows. Classic Shell also restores a lot of great features which Microsoft left out of Windows 8. If you like the program, please donate a few dollars to the program creator. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSYj7Z5WkKU

How to Make and Use a Transparent Picture

How to Make and Use a Transparent Picture, is a 5-minute 1080p Full Hi-Def video tutorial, showing how to use the free program Paint.net to make the background of an image transparent, and then how to paste the altered image into another picture. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t6NVivCZuIE

How to Format an external SATA HDD

This HD Video shows you how to format a SATA hard disk drive, plus give the drive a useful letter and name. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FAt8NpUM8t4

How to upload your own videos to YouTube

This high definition video will teach you, how to upload your own videos to YouTube. The tutorial also shows how to change the thumbnail picture, and alter the description, etc. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tWljNoLQz8

East Workshop

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Sunday of the month.

No meeting in May Mothers Day Time 10am – 2pm

Email eastwsh@melbpc.org.au

Location Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade,

Mount Waverley.

Convener(s) Ken Gubbins 9842-8875

Jeff Webster 9078-0879

Essendon — Main meeting

Date (Feb-Nov) First Friday of the month

Time 9:30am – 12noon

Email essendon@melbpc.org.au

Nancye Kirchner Neighbourhood Centre,

Doyle Street, Avondale Heights.

Convener(s) John Guegan 9317-7114

Essendon — Open Forum

Location

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Friday of the month
December Christmas Function (10.30am)

Time 9:30am – 12 noon

Email essendon@melbpc.org.au

Location Nancye Kirchner

Neighbourhood Centre,

Doyle Street, Avondale Heights.

Convener(s) John Guegan 9317-7114

Essendon — Various Topics

(check website for details).

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Friday of the month

Time 9:30am – 12 noon

Email essendon@melbpc.org.au

Locaton Nancye Kirchner

Neighbourhood Centre,

Doyle Street, Avondale Heights.

Convener(s) John Guegan 9317-7114

Essendon — Multimedia/General

Date (Feb-Nov) SIG Currently in Recess

(Check SIG website for latest)

Time 7pm – 9pm

Email essendon@melbpc.org.au Convener(s) John Guegan 9317-7114

Everything Apple

Date (Feb-Nov) Fourth Sunday of the month

Time 2pm – 4pm

Email everything-apple@ausom.net.au

Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Julie Ackland

Our emphasis is on Apple iDevices (iPod, iPhone, iPad, AppleTV, Time Capsule Airport Extreme) and helping people understand the Mac environment.

Jan 31 meeting report by Julie Ackland

We had an interesting start to the Everything Apple group, which meets at the Melb PC offices in Moorabbin; we were unable to access the building. However, after a brief session in the hallway (where we could all access the wifi network) we got into the rooms and had a very successful meeting.

We were looking at settings and tricks in IOS and looked

at some of the basic apps to fill in areas where Apple are yet to support full editing functions, such as drawing on photos. This led to us looking more closely at Notes app new functions — see **Dick Johnson**'s article in AUSOM News Feb 16 for a more extensive look at the Notes App.

Suggested Apps were *Path On* — which enables you to write on photos in interesting and artistic ways, *App-Shopper* — always good when you are looking for a particular style of app and two calculator apps (Apple does not provide a calculator on iPads) — *My Script Calculator* enables you to write your formula on the screen and converts it to text along with the answer, and *Digits*, which is a full function calculator with a digital paper roll that you can export if required.

Questions from attendees included recommended Twitter apps and Peter E suggested *Tweetlogix* and *Tweetbot* as alternatives to the company's app.

March report by **Julie Ackland** <juli.ackland@gmail. com>

The expected happened and we had only three members attend — sadly it's probably the result of having an end of month SIG and in this case we clashed with Easter. Anyway an interesting discussion of IOS and TVOS 9.3 took place as well as discussion about photography databases and tagging (to find that photo you know you took in 2003 — but can only remember it was of an animal in Spain — use tags, so helpful). Marion Edgerton arrived about 3.30 having spent her lunchtime with the Apple genius at Southland sorting out the failed update of her iPad 2 to 9.3. Remember folks — before you upgrade check that your device is capable and if necessary wait a week or two following the release of the new OS — let someone else deal with the issues and await the revised release.

Send your questions for or about the SIG to everything-apple@ausom.net.au.

Genealogy East

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Sunday of the month
December Second Sunday in December

Time 1pm – 3.30pm

Email dstreet@melbpc.org.au
Location Vermont South Community

Centre, 1 Karobran Drive, Vermont South. 3133.

Convener Denis Street

The Genealogy East SIG is for those beginning genealogy and for those who are advanced but need more knowledge to move ahead. Members' trials, tribulations and expertise are openly discussed and freely shared in this self-help group.

Hardware

Location

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Friday of the month

Time 10am – 12 noon

Email kcording@bigpond.net.au

Wadham House, 52 Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley.

Convener(s) Kelvin Cording 9438-1047

Bill Dair 9955-4551

Hardware Workshop

Date (Feb-Nov) Fourth Saturday of the month

(SIG currently in recess)

Time 10am – 12 noon

Email barrymar@melbpc.org.au Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Barry Martin

iHelp

Date (Feb-Nov) Approximately 6 monthly

Time 7pm – 9pm

Email help@melbpc.org.au Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Dave Simpson

Current Web address: http://melbpc.org.au/ihelp/

The time is approaching when members should consider updating to Windows 10; it is considered a mature improvement on Windows 7.

With Notebooks/Netbooks this is mostly painless. However we always recommend making a backup first, then be prepared for some driver or software updates before everything is working again.

The iHelp SIG website now has a new "iHelp Support Request" link on its Front page and in the Menu system. This avoids the need for a phone call or an email. The link presents a form that can be used even if your email service is not available. It ensures that we have sufficient information to process your request and that a follow up will be initiated promptly.

Alternatively for brief inquiries/problems the "Live Chat" may be faster, provided an iHelper is on duty at the time. This is normally 10am to 3pm weekdays.

Many members have their default Home Page set to www.melbpc.org.au/isp/ This of course no longer works with the new website, so it is suggested you now change this to www.melbpc.org.au/help/
In Internet Explorer just click on the Cogwheel symbol, then select Internet Options|General|Home Page. iHelp is a group of "Members helping Members" whose main role is to sort out Internet or general computer problems so that members can get a full featured online experience. Services include Telephone First Aid, Email Help and Internet Help. Volunteers with patience and Computer experience are always welcome.

Linux

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Tuesday of the month

7pm – 9pm Time

linux@melbpc.org.au **Email** Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin. Location Convener(s) James Cox 9885-5503

Linux Workshop

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Tuesday of the month

4pm – 7pm Time

linux@melbpc.org.au **Email** Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin. Location Convener(s) James Cox 9885-5503

MACE

(Melbourne Atari Computer Enthusiasts)

Third Sunday of the month Date (Feb-Nov)

Time 10am - 2pm

maceatari@gmail.com **Email** Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Andrew Boschan Convener(s) 0400-851-613

Macedon Ranges

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Sunday of the month January & December Check with convener

Time 2pm – 4pm

Email colinspc1@yahoo.com.au Location Further Education Centre,

18 Hamilton St, Gisborne.

John Hunter Convener(s)

0406-868-226

The Macedon Ranges members have a common interest in computers and range from beginners to technicians with the sole aim of sharing knowledge, experiences and helping each other.

The SIG is a general purpose group that is free flowing and may or may not have a specific subject to discuss each meeting. There are times a special guest is invited to speak on a particular subject that has been requested by a group member. At other times there may be special instruction and demonstrations on particular software or hardware. Members can also bring along any hardware they are having problems with for the group to try and resolve.

Microcontroller

Date (Jan-Dec) Second Wed of the month

Time 7pm – 9.30pm

microcontroller@melbpc.org.au **Email**

Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin. Location Convener(s) Phil Lew 0418-567-019

> John Hollow 0417-031-164

Microcontroller Workshop

Date (Feb-Nov) Second & Fourth Sat of month.

Second Saturday only December

Time 12noon - 5pm

Email

Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin. Location John Shirt 0409-568-267 Convener(s)

microcontroller-workshop@melbpc.org.au

Rob Brown 0419-285-806

The Saturday Workshop is a Creative Space. It is a space to express your creativity. Its development depends on those who are involved and their interests. The workshops are centred around microcontrollers but are not limited to microcontrollers. If you are looking for a space that facilitates sharing of ideas and support, where you can express your creativity, then this SIG could be what you are looking for.

Mornington Peninsula Daytime

Third Monday of the month Date (Feb-Nov)

December No meeting Time 9.30am - 12.30pm

peninsula@melbpc.org.au **Email**

Mornington Information Centre, Location

320 Main St, Mornington.

Convener(s) Terry Said 0427-750-327

> lan Thomson iaroth@netspace.net.au

Colin Ackehurst

colin_a_ackehurst@bigpond.com

Mornington Peninsula Digital Imaging

Third Monday of the month Date (Feb-Nov)

December No meeting

Time follow on 12.30pm - 2pm **Email** peninsula@melbpc.org.au Mornington Information Centre, Location

320 Main St, Mornington.

Convener(s) Lloyd Lobbe

Mornington Peninsula Family History

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Monday of the month

December No meeting

Time follow on 2pm - 4.30pm **Email** peninsula@melbpc.org.au Mornington Information Centre, Location

320 Main St, Mornington.

Convener(s) Colin Ackehurst colin_a_ackehurst@bigpond.com

Multimedia Home Entertainment (MHE)

Date (Feb-Dec) First Friday of the month

Time 10am - 12 noon multimed@melpc.org **Email** http://www.melpc.org Webpage Wadham House, Location

> 52 Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley.

John Hall Convener(s) 9803-2731

Kelvin Cording 9438-1047

The aim of the MHE group is to assist members in the installation and operation of PC based hardware and software to run and maintain Multimedia Home Entertainment systems. This would include such things as Personal Video Recorders (PVRs), Media Servers (including Windows Home Server), Internet streaming of video and audio, Sony PS3 and Windows X-Box home entertainment systems, and home networking and storage systems for playback of video and audio.

Attendees from beginner to expert level are all welcome. Members are encouraged to bring their own equipment to gain hands-on experience in setup and/or maintenance.

Music

Date (Feb-Nov)

Jan & December

Time

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Email

Location

Convener(s)

Third Thursday of the month
Check with convener

music@melbpc.org.au

Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

David Godfred

Convener(s) David Godfred
Bill Sakell

North East Android

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Wed of the month
December Second Thursday in December

Time 10am – 12noon

Email ne-android@melbpc.org.au

Location Uniting Church Hall,

19 Seddon Street, Ivanhoe.

Convener(s) Colin Lampshire 9857-5372

or 0413-640-408

Kelvin Cording 9438-1047

North East Daytime

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Thursday of the month Time 10am – 12.15pm

Email neday@melbpc.org.au
Location Uniting Church Hall,

19 Seddon Street, Ivanhoe.

Convener(s) Colin Lampshire 9857-5372

or 0413-640-408

North East Genealogy

Date (Feb-Dec)
First Tuesday of the month
Time
10am – 12.00noon
Email
negen@melbpc.org.au
Location
Uniting Church Hall,

19 Seddon Street, Ivanhoe.

Convener(s) Lynn Hammet

lynnhammet@gmail.com

Northern Suburbs Linux

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Monday of the month

Time 7.30pm – 9.30pm Email nslig@melbpc.org.au

Community Meeting Room,

Watsonia Library,

4 Ibbotson St, Watsonia.

Convener(s) David Hatton

Stephen Davidson

report by Paul Addis

Location

The Linux News segment (brought to us by Nick Vespo, as usual) had an unusual focus this month — namely MelbPC Yammer, which is part of the facilities provided by Office 365. It has been suggested that the Linux SIGs could use Yammer as a means of answering questions and general contact between meetings, but many members appear unsure of exactly how it works.

Yammer was mainly designed for use in a corporate environment, so the Melbourne PC Users setup is a quasi-corporate one. It can be used like social networking, with the ability to add documents, pictures etc. The central concept is a group, and the group can be closed (restricted to members) or open (non-members can see and post). A user can be a member of both types of group. Yammer can connect with email, and users can work with both fairly seamlessly. In the short related discussion, although some of our group members were critical of aspects of the implementation, it was felt that the Yammer Linux Group implementation should go ahead.

The open forum segment (moderated by David Hatton) started with a question about who in the group uses Krusader (a twin pane file manager for KDE). This expanded to a discussion on its treatment of file dates, for instance what happens to the file creation date when a file is copied or moved.

The second topic questioned what would happen to Melb PC email addresses if the group was disbanded. Some possible solutions were aired, and the more likely solution was thought to be that "someone" would take over the domain to support inbound messages, with members migrating to another service for outbound email handling.

Mention was made of the "Endless" PC and mini-PC which has been announced and is about to be shipped in USA. It is Linux-based and is another attempt to sell low-cost computers to people who cannot afford the current style of machine. The entry machine is advertised as costing \$US79 without a screen, keyboard or mouse.

After the social break David Hatton spoke on security-related topics.

The first topic related to a recent Linux Mint security breach on February 20th 2016 in which users who were intending to download the Cinnamon version of Mint 17.3 were redirected to a site providing a version of Mint 17.3 containing malware. The site appeared legitimate and the file checksums on the site were valid for the corrupted iso files. As a result, for a few hours users downloaded a bogus version of Mint. The breach was quickly detected and the Linux Mint site was taken down for a cleanup.

The use of GPG can protect against this type of infection by checking the authenticity of the iso file. The steps involved are:

a. Download the .iso file, its matching sha256 checksum file and the GPG signed sha256 checksum file.

b. Check the iso using the sha256 checksum program. A matching checksum means that the .iso is the same as the server version.

c. Verify the authenticity of the checksum file by using the gpg program to query the signed checksum file. If the checksum file is validated, you know that the GPG signature and the checksum match.

For the very carefull, an additional step would be to use the GPG utility to verify the Linux Mint GPG public key, involving fetching the correct Linux Mint key from a keyserver.

The second topic was creating an encrypted USB thumb drive using Linux Mint — a straightforward process.

First, Plug in the USB drive to be encrypted, and use the Disks utility to select it — make sure that you select the correct drive as this procedure will wipe the data on the target drive. The target drive will be highlighted in the drive list on the left hand panel.

Now click on the gear wheels at the bottom of the Volumes diagram and click on "Format". Select "Encrypted" in the type drop down list and fill in the Name and passphrase. Note that a forgotten pass phrase means that the contents cannot be seen or used. Click the Format button at the bottom of the dialogue and after a short wait the USB drive will be formatted and the encryption facility set up.

Now when you plug in the encrypted USB drive on a Linux machine, you will be prompted for the passphrase before the system connects to the USB drive. Note that if the encrypted drive is plugged into a Windows machine, you will be asked if you want to format it as Windows can't understand the file system on the encrypted drive.

After that good advice, the assembled company braved a cool Melbourne night to return home.

Online

Date (Feb-Nov) As you choose Time As you choose

Email kazkev@melbpc.org.au
Location Melb PC Newsgroups & Forum
Convener(s) Kevin Martin — Evening only
5964-7627 or 0407-343-162

Programming

Date (Jan-Nov) Fourth Wed of the month 7.00pm – 9.30pm

Time 7.00pm – 9.30pm
Email programming@melbpc.org.au

Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) John Viney

Tell us about the programs you are writing, wrote in the past, or give us ideas for interesting programs to write. We'll walk through the process of developing software, from user interface design to writing the code in computer language and testing. Different programming languages, techniques and tools will be showcased as well as scripts, plug-ins, extensions, markups, compilers, databases. Something for beginners and pros alike.

Raspberry Pi — Mt Waverley

Date (Jan-Nov) Fourth Friday of the month

Time 10am – 12 noon
Email raspi@melbpc.org.au
Location Wadham House,

52 Wadham Parade, Mount Waverley.

Convener(s) John Hall 9803-2731

Lance Lloyd 9884-5559

Raspberry Pi — Moorabbin NEW SIG

Date (Jan-Dec) Second Saturday of the month

Time 2pm – 4pm

Email raspi-moorabbin@melbpc.org.au

Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Mohan Gupta

Rob Brown 0419 285 806

Sunbury Daytime — New Users

Date (Feb-Dec) First Thursday of the month

Time 9.30am – 12noon

Email sunburydaytime@gmail.com

Webpage

http://sunburydaytime.wix.com/sunbury-pc-club

Location Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre

(back room),

8 O'Shannassy Street, Sunbury.

Convener(s) Kevin Hale 9740-5786

John Fogarty

Sunbury Daytime — Advanced

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Thursday of the month

Time 9.30am – 12noon

Email sunburydaytime@gmail.com

Webpage

http://sunburydaytime.wix.com/sunbury-pc-club

Location Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre

(back room),

8 O'Shannassy Street, Sunbury.

Convener(s) Kevin Hale 9740-5786

John Fogarty

Sunbury Daytime — Main Meeting

Date (Feb-Nov) Third Thursday of the month

Time 9.30am – 12noon

Email sunburydaytime@gmail.com

Webpage

http://sunburydaytime.wix.com/sunbury-pc-club

Location Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre

(back room),

8 O'Shannassy Street, Sunbury.

Convener(s) Kevin Hale 9740-5786

John Fogarty

Sunbury Daytime —

Maintenance & Linux

Date (Feb-Nov) Fourth Thursday of the month

AND

Fifth Thursday of the month.

Time 9.30am – 12noon

Email sunburydaytime@gmail.com

Webpage

http://sunburydaytime.wix.com/sunbury-pc-club

Location Sunbury Senior Citizens Centre

(back room),

8 O'Shannassy Street, Sunbury.

Convener(s) Kevin Hale 9740-5786

John Fogarty

Video Inner East

Date (Feb-Nov) Second Monday of the month

Incl. June Queen's Birthday

Time 7pm – 9pm

Email videoinnereast@gmail.com

Webpage

http://users.tpg.com.au/adslo8nb/vie/index.html

Location Copland Room,

Ashburton Library,

154 High St, Ashburton VIC.

Convener(s) Richard Balsillie 9809-4116

Video Production — Sony

Date (Jan-Dec) Second Wed of the month

Time 10am – 12 noon
Email rdwragg@fastmail.fm
Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Roger Wragg Bob Flack This group specialises in video editing and production using all SONY products, including VEGAS with both the Platinum and Pro versions. We cater for all members from beginners to advanced and work with all video formats from standard definition (SD) up to full high definition (HD) using both tape, DVD, and solid-state video cameras.

The following topics are covered: Sound track production using Sony Cinescore Voice over recording using both Vegas and Sound Forge, Basic picture composition, Lighting for video, Working with Sony DVD Architect to produce both DVDs and blu-ray discs. Upon request, we will look at the conversion of 8mm movie film to a digital format using the groups special conversion equipment.

Video Production — Pinnacle

Date (Feb-Nov) Fourth Wed of the month Jan. & Dec. Check with convener Time 9.30am - 12 noon

Email tonypickup@optusnet.com.au

Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Bill Johnson Tony Pickup

WAFFLE

(Wine And Fine Food Lovers' Event)

Date (Feb-Dec) First Wed of the month

Time 9.30pm

(after the Monthly Meeting)

Email phil@melbpc.org.au

Location Fongs Chinese Restaurant,

725 Centre Rd (cnr Francesco),

Bentleigh East.

Convener(s) Phil Lew 0418-567-019

Tom Rado 9807-4072

WASINT

(Web and Software Investment Tools)

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Tuesday of the month

Time 10.30am – 12.30pm
Email wasint@melbpc.org.au
Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Richard Solly

Website Design — Tutorials

Date (Feb-Nov) Second Sunday of the month

Time 2pm – 4pm

Email webdesign@melbpc.org.au Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.

Convener(s) Fleur Stephens 0407-330-963

The aim of the Web Design SIG is to help members build and manage web sites. So if you are creating, managing or designing a web site and need some help, drop in. Website Design — Troubleshooting

Date (Feb-Nov) Second Sunday of the month

Time 4pm – 6pm

Email webdesign@melbpc.org.au
Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.
Convener(s) Fleur Stephens 0407-330-963

Windows Plus

Date (Jan-Nov) Third Saturday of the month

Time 10am – 1pm

Email win78@melbpc.org.au
Location Melb PC HQ, Moorabbin.
Convener(s) John Swale 0417-530-766

Barry Stone

The Windows PLUS meeting has two workshops and a General session for common items including the "Plus" items. The format for each workshop is :- queries, members' problems, alerts, tips, techniques, interesting programs/apps, useful sites and presentations.

Wyndham — General

Date (Feb-Dec) Second Monday of the Month

Incl. June Queen's Birthday

Time 7.30pm – 9.30pm Email jpfh@melbpc.org.au

Location Room 3, Central Park Commu-

nity Centre, Lonsdale Circuit

(off Franklin Blvd), Hoppers Crossing.

Convener(s) Chris Hughes 9731-0891

John Healey

This Group exists to provide local information and support to the South-West Region of outer Melbourne. We have Q&A sessions and coverage of PC hardware and software issues. There is a supper break with time for informal discussion. Visitors always welcome

Wyndham — Multimedia

Date (Feb-Nov)

December (*uncertain*)

Time

7.30pm – 9.30pm

Email

jpfh@melbpc.org.au

Location Room 3, Central Park Commu-

nity Centre, Lonsdale Circuit (off Franklin Blvd),

Hoppers Crossing.

Convener(s) Chris Hughes 9731-0891

John Healey

Yarra Ranges

Date (Feb-Nov) Fourth Tuesday of the month
December Third Tuesday in December

Time 9.15am – 11:15am Email yrig@melbpc.org.au

Location Japara Living and Learning

Centre, 54-58 Durham Road,

Kilsyth.

Convener(s) Bryan Paten 0429-430-640

Shane Mason 9733-5390

March meeting report by **John Sapsford** Meeting commenced 9.15 am 13 attended.

Fred brought in a portable public address system which was very useful at the meeting. **Bryan** asked if anyone had bought new equipment. Items included a Kindle White paper book reader. The Kindle reader is only suitable for downloading e-books from Amazon. Another Kindle user mentioned that you can send yourself a PDF or Word document as an e-mail attachment and download it onto the reader.

We continued our discussion about Windows 10. Members raised the question if in time Windows 10 will become a rent by the year program such as Microsoft Office 365 and Adobe. Bryan gave a demonstration about how to split the screen. Shane continued his demonstration of Windows 10 focusing on the 'Settings' feature. Bryan gave a demonstration on how to read back issues of newspapers. The web site is www.trove. nla.gov.au He also mentioned a different Windows Start menu. www.startmenu8.com. We discussed other features of Windows 10 including the Microsoft Store.

After morning tea we had our regular Q&A segment. Topics raised included printing, suggestions for software to guard against malware, (*Windows Defender* was mentioned) and updating problems with Windows 10 as well as web sites that require your personal details for registration.

One member asked about torrents. Shane gave a few suggestions for exploring torrents, including 'Deluge' and 'Kickarse'! Bryan mentioned SolarMovies.com for viewing movies. Unlike a torrent you are unable to download them. So far there are no annoying advertisements. Shane answered some queries on the topic 'What is a Router? He followed on by giving a Power-Point presentation about IP addresses. Every devise attached to the Internet has an IP address. He showed us how to find the IP address of your own computer. One member asked how to copy e-mail addresses from one computer to another. This will be held over until the April meeting.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am. There was no workshop session. Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 April 2016 commencing at 9.15 am. Members are asked to park at the rear of the Centre via Tamworth Road.

Yarra Ranges Workshop

Date (Feb-Nov) Fourth Tuesday of the month

Time 11:30am – 1:30pm Email yrig@melbpc.org.au

Location Japara Living and Learning

Centre, 54-58 Durham Road,

Kilsyth.

Convener(s) Shane Mason 9733-5390

Bryan Paten 0429-430-640



Introduce a new member* to Melbourne PC User Group and receive credit towards your membership fees.

Did you know that Melb PC held its first meeting in November 1983?

Yes! it's true.

The group flourished and in 1993 started its own Internet service, becoming one of the founding suppliers of the Internet in Australia, and it is still a licensed ISP. Melb PC is Australia's largest and most active personal computer/technology group with thousands of members participating in more than 40 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) that meet regularly throughout Melbourne.

New members will receive all the benefits you already enjoy — the digital newsletter, the help lines, the Special Interest Groups (SIGs), the Monthly meetings and access to mobile broadband, personal email or IP4 Rental/Web Hosting/Private email Hosting, Microsoft OS discounts and you will be helping your club to grow.

You know how much you enjoy being part of Melbourne PC User Group. So why not bring along a friend to enjoy it too? Prospective new members are always warmly welcome at the Monthly Meeting and SIG Meetings.

Each new member* you enrol gives you three months credit towards your membership renewal. (approx. \$24.00 value against a full membership). The more new members you enrol, the more credit towards your next membership renewal.

(* This does not include Family members or anyone re-joining within 12 months of leaving Melb PC).

INVITATION



Interested in Computers and Technology?

You are invited to attend the Monthly Meeting of

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on the first Wednesday of each Month

Unit 26, 479 Warrigal Road, Moorabbin (Melways 78 C8)

PROGRAM

- Q&A with Barry Martin—your computer questions answered
- Presidents Report—John Bade's update on club news
- **Presentation**—one or two relevant presentations by Guest speakers on technology news.





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New Books on Order: Be the First to Peruse One

Clemens Pratt, librarian

Slowly we are modernising our library holdings. Two new books have been ordered from John Wiley. They are:

ACCESS 2016 FOR DUMMIES, L. U. Fuller & K. Cook

EXCEL VBA PROGRAMMING FOR DUMMIES, 4TH EDITION, J. Walkenbach

The first member to volunteer to write a review of either of these books for publication in PC Update will get the opportunity to peruse it at leisure before

North East

Genealogy SIG

Melbourne PC User Group Inc.

The **North East Genealogy** group ranges from beginners to highly experienced genealogists - several of whom have had works published. Everyone is welcome and members are happy to share their extensive knowledge with newcomers and beginners.

When?

The North East Genealogy SIG meet on the First Tuesday of each Month.

Where?

The Uniting Church Hall, 19 Seddon Street, Ivanhoe VIC (Parking at Rear of the Hall)

Time?

10am—12pm

Information?

For more information please contact the SIG convener **Lynnette Hammet** on **negen@melbpc.org.au** or contact the office on 9276 4000.

All visitors welcome!

it is placed in the collection for general loan. A review may be around 1000 words, and you can see good earlier examples in PC Update for December 2015 and February 2016.

That would be in the MelbPC spirit of "members helping members".

Contact me 9802 5501 or cpratt@melbpc. org.au, or assistant librarian Choy Lai cplai@melbpc. org.au.

On other matters, the latest issues of APC, PC & Tech Authority, and Choice Computer have been placed on display in the library at Moorabbin. Browse over them and give them ratings for interest and value on the slip attached to the cover.

Clemens Pratt, librarian Choy Lai, assistant librarian

http://www.melbpc.org.au/services/library/

Members Free Ad

Would anyone be interested in a couple of NEC APC 3 computers, including manuals, printer and monitor They are fully operational, running DOS V3.3. It seems a pity to take them to the tip. I live in Drouin, however if either the club or a member was interested, I could drop them down to Warrigal Rd. Sean Walsh, Drouin, Vic. 0428 341 186



Dispose of my Computer



1800RECYCLE is a Melbourne based, convenient mobile service collecting and recycling computers, eWaste and IT junk with frequent collections in the CBD and inner Melbourne.

Email: hello@1800recycle.com.au Phone: 1800RECYCLE (1800 732 925)

Website: www.1800recycle.com.au

Address: Factory 1, 150 Northern Road, Heidelberg Heights, VIC, 3081.

Werx Foundation—B2C Recyclers Program

The B2C Recyclers Project accepts all forms of IT equipment and IT peripherals regardless of age, specification or working condition and work to prevent these items from entering landfill.

Website: www.b2crecyclers.com.au Email: info@b2crecyclers.com.au

Phone: 9005 0101

Address: 31 Ebden Street, Moorabbin, VIC 3189

ComputerBank Australia

Computerbank recycles donated computers and distributes them to disadvantaged individuals and community groups. Donated computers are tested, hard drives wiped, virus free open source is installed on the computers and obsolete parts are recycled.

Website www.computerbank.org.au Email: info@computerbank.com.au

Phone: (03) 9600 9161

Address: 483 Victoria St, West Melbourne, VIC 3003

Equipment Recycling Network Inc.

ERNInc is a project based in Maroondah and recycles equipment, including computers, and distributes them to people with disabilities, particularly children, at a nominal cost.

Website: www.erni.asn.au Email: erni@erni.asn.au Phone: (03) 9879 5211

Address: 17 Greenwood Avenue, Ringwood, VIC 3134

Green Collect

Green Collect accepts televisions, computers, monitors, laptops, printers, computer peripherals, mobiles phones, telephones, DVDs/VCRs/Stereos, inkjet, lazier and toner cartridges, fax machines, copiers, CDs and videos. Collections charged at \$2 per kilogram, minimum pick up of 25kgs.

Website: http://www.greencollect.org

Email: http://www.greencollect.org/contact-us/

Phone: 03 9663 8843

Address: 174 Collins St, Melbourne, VIC 3000

Benevolent Disability (Formerly Rural Peninsula disability Support)

Beyond Disability is a public benevolent institution in Australia. With the support Website: http://www.bdi.org.au of local volunteers, they are using recycled Pentium computers and internet capable usb2 laptops, 15 inch and 17 inch LCD screens to assist low income household and mobility disabled aged 6 to 89 years to get online with dignity in their own homes using recycled computers and our subsidised internet service.

Email: secretary@bdi.org.au Phone: 03 5978 5000

Address: "Girrahween House" PO Box 1451, Pearcedale, VIC 3912

Green PC Australia—Computer Refurbishment, Repair and Internet

GreenPC is a non-profit social enterprise that is part of Infoxchange Australia's vision to help bridge the digital divide and ensure all people have equal access to information technology.

Website: http://www.greenpc.com.au

Phone: 03 9418 7400

Address: 33 Elizabeth St, Richmond, VIC 3121

Disposal of other Electrical Goods

Brotherhood of St Laurence

The Brotherhood of St Laurance is always grateful to receive unwanted items in good condition to sell in our stores in Victoria or to give to

families in need. They are able to accept most whitegoods and small electrical appliances however they are unable to accept electric organs.

Website: http://www.bsl.org.au/get-involved/donate-goods/

Email:1300donate@bsl.org.au

Eastern Emergency Relief Network

The core objective of Eastern Emergency Relief Network (EERN) is to make available household goods and appliances for those in need.

Website: http://www.easternemergency.org.au

Email: info@easternemergency.org.au

Phone: (03) 9874 8433

Address: Factory 1/10-12 Thornton Crescent, Mitcham VIC 3132

Brotherhood Fridges

Brotherhood Fridges was developed by the Brotherhood in partnership with Moreland Energy Foundation and recycles, repairs and retrofits donated fridges to make them more energy and cost efficient, and decommissions fridges that are no longer useful.

Website: http://www.brotherhoodfridges.com.au

Email: collections@bsl.org.au

Phone: 1300 DONATE (1300 366 283)

Address: Brotherhood of St Laurence, 25 Brunswick Road, Brunswick Vic 3056

Yooralla

Yooralla take small appliances including TVs in a working order to sell in their Carlton bargain store, with profits funding their work for people with disabilities.

Carlton Bargain Shop: Phone: 03 9347 2848

Address: 135-136 Elgin Street, Carlton, VIC 3053

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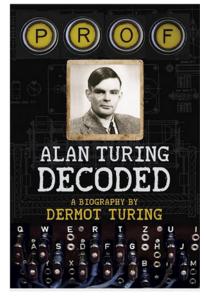
PROF: Alan Turing Decoded A biography by Dermot Turing

More than sixty years later the circumstances of Alan Turing's death have not been fully explained. 'Prof' is a fresh look at his life and times by his nephew Dermot. It follows a handful of other biographies, television documentaries and the Hollywood feature 'The Imitation Game'. This is not an exhaustive biography; Dermot defers to Andrew Hodge's Alan Turing: The Enigma. However, he feels he can add a family perspective.

There has also been a lot of information about the activities at Bletchley Park released since Hodge's book was written. However, 'Prof' does not feature many stories of Alan's eccentricities in his time at Bletchley, but rather concentrates on his interaction with his academic peers and rivals. I found the family reaction to his short-lived engagement interesting.

Letters are a major feature of this book: Alan's letters home from boarding school and later round out our understanding of his relationships with his parents and colleagues. Most importantly Dermot cites several previously unpublished letters revealing Alan's battles with his sexuality.

'Prof' is organised chronologically: Ancestry, childhood, education, Kings College, Bletchley, the National Physical Laboratory and Manchester. Then the unfortunate meeting with Arnold Murray, the burglary and the subsequent court case. Dermot believes Alan's sentence was probably illegal (as 'cruel and unusual punishment') but a reflection of the politics of the times, especially after the Burgess and MacLean defections. The secrecy still applicable from his Bletchley days made it difficult to provide adequate character references. 'Important war work' was as close as it was possible to get. Finally, his death. The lengths the family went to to conceal the possibility of suicide from his mother were considerable.



PROF: Alan Turing Decoded A biography by Dermot Turing The History Press Gloucestershire UK 2015 320 pages

The book is printed on gloss paper with many photographs and reproductions of some of Alan's published and unpublished work, notes and diagrams. At the time of his death Alan was concentrating on the application of mathematics in biology — another field he pioneered.

Melbourne PC User Group members will be interested in the development of the Bombes, Colossus, ACE and Manchester Mark 1, all covered in some detail. I'm sure Alan would have loved to play wih a Raspberry Pi; I wonder what he would have done with it. As might be expected there are quite a few mathematical expressions scattered through the book. You don't need to be a mathematician — Dermot provides adequate explanations.

An Australian (and Melbourne) connection is provided by the late Dr Trevor Pearcy who worked with Dr Hartree (one of Alan's colleagues) in Manchester and in later life was at the then Chisholm Institute of Technology.

Alan Turing was undoubtedly a polymath and a genius. His interpersonal skills were apparently low, but he made friends at Bletchley, was very generous and got on well with children. Who knows what he could have accomplished if he had lived beyond 42. I thoroughly recommend 'Prof'.

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C. Description of Service(s) General:

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Function of the Melb PC Network: The primary function of the Network is to support the transfer of information to and from Melb PC members and the International community, subject to the terms of this

Access Software: The subscriber will need to acquire suitable mail, news and Web software from our shareware library or other resources. However, Melb PC makes available a configuration kit that

Accounts: Accounts are issued only to individuals, not company names; Melb PC may reject an application without stating a reason.

Support: Volunteers offer their help in local newsgroups and via an Internet Help team with interaction through Web Boards, e-mail and direct telephone support.

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- Any notice given about any matter concerning this agreement may be given by clicking an accept button following the display of the agreement on a web page, by fax, e-mail or post at the last fax number email or postal address notified to the sender and is deemed to have been received at the time when it would have arrived in the ordinary course of the relevant type of transmission.
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